



## Homewood Rifle and Pistol Club, Incorporated

*President: Dale Walker*

*Vice President: Rau Ciurej*

*Secretary-Treasurer: John Graham*

November 9, 2015

### **Minutes for November 1, 2015 Annual Meeting**

#### **President's Report:**

- 1) Bryant Cramer AGC President collapsed and was in a coma this past week. Happy to report is doing much better.
- 2) Member summary: The Homewood Rifle and Pistol Club had 309 active members when we met for the 2015 Annual Meeting. 98 members from 2014 did not renew for 2015, so we had a retention rate of 68.3%. We currently have 286 active members; an overall decrease of 7.4%.

#### **Vice President Report:**

- 1) VP has nothing to report.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- 1) Balance of Checkbook: \$13,705.00
- 2) Financial records: Submitted in writing
- 3) Tax Status: Good with State of Maryland. 501-C7 application was submitted. Foundation Group will prepare taxes as part of their service this year.
- 4) Certificate of Deposits: HRPC recovered inactive CD from the State of Maryland in the amount of \$6,271.17. Funds in new 12 month CD at rate of 0.40%.

#### **Old Business: (summarized by President Dale Walker)**

- 1) Our application for 501-c7 "not for profit status" was finally submitted on September 24, 2015. HRPC worked with "The Foundation Group" from April 2014 to assemble the application packet consisting of 54 pages. The IRS sent a receipt letter on October 13, 2015. We will receive a determination letter within 90 days if the application was sufficient. If more information is needed then we will have a "specialist" assigned within 180 days.
- 2) HRPC ordered 12 Savage Mark I-FVT rifles at a cost of \$257 each for a total of \$3084. To date 7 rifles have been sent to Jeff Underwood (FFL dealer/HRPC) member. I am waiting to hear from Cathy Hale of Savage for the status of the remaining rifles. Jeff is waiving the processing fee for the rifles. THANKS Jeff! Follow-up: Cathy Hale sent email stating problems have been resolved. Rifles were received on 11-6-2015 by Mr. Underwood.
- 3) Equipment: in conjunction with the rifles, members voted to purchase equipment to outfit 12 shooters. Items mentioned included; shooting mats, safety glasses, hearing protection, gun cases, steel targets (AGC appropriate) and empty chamber indication. To date 12 matched key trigger locks, foam hearing protection and two steel targets (for evaluation) were purchased. The remaining items still need to be purchased. Partial reason for delay is storage.
- 4) Storage: HRPC is working with AGC to find storage of equipment in the 50 yard shed. Paul was moving things around to provide space, but the process was postponed due to Paul's back surgery. AGC is also considering the possibility of building small sheds behind Memorial Hall for clubs rent or purchase.
- 5) Apparel: Good on inventory except window clings and long ECIs. Prices: Hats \$10, Tees are \$10 for sizes S through XL, \$12 for XXL & XXXL. \$2.00 Patches & Window clings. \$1.00 HRPC ECI (standard or rim-fire). Polo shirts are lower this year due to increased sales and lack of set up fees. Current prices for black polo shirts are \$18 for S through XL and \$20 for XXL.
- 6) Web Hosting: Site Solutions from Yahoo Small Business is becoming "Luminate", from Aabaco Small Business. Will need to keep an eye on HRPC web page for functionality.
- 7) Web Page: <http://homewoodrpc.com/> Attempt was made to get a Pay Pal link on the web page to allow for online renewal, but result was not adequate. Issues with renewal form and payment option were encountered. Tentative solutions were found and will be attempted when time is permitting and Yahoo has finished the transition to Luminate. HRPC member sent email say he could assist. May need to take him up on offer.
- 8) Social network: HRPC now has a forum on Maryland Shooters see link: <http://www.mdshooters.com/forumdisplay.php?f=204>

- 9) Homewood Rifle and Pistol Club renewed as a Civilian Marksmanship Program affiliate. This satisfies one of the requirements for individuals wanting to purchase firearms through the CMP. Full eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.thecmp.org/eligibility.htm>
- 10) Club Trap Shoot: Had successful turnouts this past year especially the summer trap shoot/cookout utilizing the new pavilion. Dates for 2016 are: 4/9, 6/11 & 11/6.
- 11) Family rate: Family annual dues are 50% of the regular member annual dues. The rate will apply to spouses, children, parents, grandchildren and grandparents of a current primary club member. **No change**
- 12) New members: Initiation fee is \$10 for all new members. New member received a patch, window cling and ECI at the range orientation for the 2015 season. **No Change.**
- 13) HRPC hosted two scouting groups during 2015, Troop 75 and 432. The scouts shot steel and stuffed animals on the Barnes Range. Thanks to the HRPC all of the members that helped. Currently we have Troop 75 scheduled to use trap 4 and Barnes range on April 16, 2016 so we will need volunteers again.
- 14) Trap League: There was no club trap league this year.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Service fees for to Accept Credit Cards + PayPal on our website. U.S. Fees are 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction. We are looking at \$0.88 for a standard online payment. Do we want to absorb the cost of pass it on to those using the electronic transaction? There are no startup costs, no termination fee, no monthly fees, but there are fees for returns. **Members voted to pursue web payment but not with Pay Pal. Pay Pal in known to be anti-firearm.**
- 2) Mobil payments: "PayPal Here" No startup costs, no termination fee, no monthly fees. Accept payments on your smartphone and tablet for PayPal payments and all major credit cards. Swiped & check-in transactions 2.7% per transaction. Keyed or scanned transactions 3.5% + \$0.15 per transaction. Can look into other companies. WiFi and cell service is questionable at AGC, so we may have issues. **Members voted to pursue mobile payment but not with Pay Pal. Pay Pal in known to be anti-firearm.** Follow-up: NSSF & NRA Endorse gun friendly credit card processing company called Payment Alliance International. Durango Merchant Services is another possibility
- 3) Need to create a list of NRA RSO and Instructors. Dale will send out an email on this topic.
- 4) Bryant Cramer is looking into having a secure room for clubs have gun safe. This would be an ideal place to store the HRPC's recently purchased rifles. **Members voted to proceed with purchasing a gun safe capable of handling club firearms in the event that the AGC gets authorization to construct room.**
- 5) AGC Top 5 Capital Improvement projects according to survey (in no particular order): 1) 5 stand shot gun addition to trap field 1, 2) Pavilion on Trap 2(done), 3) Integrated wireless telephone and communication capability for the RSOs (done), 4) provide proper drainage (done) and reshape Barnes Range Berm and 5) Repair leaks and paint roof over Barnes Range Firing Line.
- 6) Members have been dealing with some issues involving AR/AK type pistols. An inquiry was sent to AGC Executive VP Paul Shinol. Follow-up: Here is the email response: Hi Dale, For now, we are saying that AR or AK pistols that are chambered in any rifle caliber (.223/5.56, 7.62x39, 300, or 7.62x51/.308) must be fired on the Barnes Range only. Any AR or AK pistol chambered in traditional pistol calibers may be fired on the 50 yard pistol range. The RSSOP committee may be considering having all AR/AK pistols used on the Barnes Range only so that the RSOs don't have to verify everyone. I apologize for not communicating that to you. Thanks, Paul

#### **Elections:**

- 1) Elections: Officer Positions are held for two years. Elections occur during odd numbered years. HRPC elected the following officers at the 11-1-2015 annual meeting: President- Dale Walker, Vice President-Ray Ciurej and Secretary Treasurer- John Graham. Dale along with the rest of the members thanked Robert Landerman and Alan Kefauver for their years of service.

#### **Announcements:**

- 1) Two inclement weather enclosures/pavilions were installed behind trap fields 2 and 3 for the estimated cost of one.
- 2) Maintenance building: Currently in construction and nearly complete.
- 3) AGC Raffle Tickets: Cost \$20. Drawing is January 23, 2016 at 2 pm at the AGC.
- 4) New shotgun patterning area was recently completed.
- 5) RSSOP is working to update AGC Range rules: Current rules are August 7, 2014. Hard copies are available at the Barnes Range House and online on the AGC and HRPC web sites  
Rules: <http://www.associatedgunclubs.org/rangerules.htm>  
Targets: <http://www.associatedgunclubs.org/pdfs/Targets.pdf>
- 6) Next year's Annual Meeting is November 6, 2016.